

Honorable Rowland E. Hughes
Director of the Bureau of the Budget
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Pursuant to the Bureau of the Budget Bulletin No. 55-5, this Agency has carefully reviewed the Report by the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government on Real Property Management, dated June 1955. It is desired to submit comments on these recommendations of the Commission which affect or are of interest to the Central Intelligence Agency.

The real estate holdings of this Agency are small in comparison with the real estate held by other Government agencies. This Agency reported three (3) leased and two (2) purchased properties to the Commission's Task Force on Real Property Management. As explained to and accepted by the Task Force, certain classified properties were excluded from this report in the interest of the security of this Agency's organization and functions.

For security reasons, it is felt that Recommendations Nos. 3(c), 5(a)(1), 5(b), 12(b), and 12(c), which in essence propose full disclosure of the operation and management of all Federal real property, should not be applicable to the classified properties of CIA. Therefore, we strongly recommend that CIA continue to be exempted from the authority of the General Services Administration

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It is not the intent of this Agency to request exemption from normal administrative control proposed by the Commission's recommendations with respect to normal Government operations. It has been and will continue to be our policy to adhere to all Government policies, rules, regulations, and practices to the maximum extent security considerations will permit. However, the exemptions recommended above are considered essential to the carrying out and protection of operational responsibilities assigned to this Agency.

Sincerely,

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